

What is claimed is:

1. An isolated polynucleotide comprising a nucleotide sequence that has at least 80% identity to a nucleotide sequence encoding the TR6 polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:2 over its entire length; or a nucleotide sequence complementary to said nucleotide sequence.
2. The polynucleotide of claim 1 which is DNA or RNA.
3. The polynucleotide of claim 1 wherein said nucleotide sequence is at least 80% identical to that contained in SEQ ID NO:1.
4. The polynucleotide of claim 3 wherein said nucleotide sequence comprises the TR6 polypeptide encoding sequence contained in SEQ ID NO:1.
5. The polynucleotide of claim 3 which is polynucleotide of SEQ ID NO: 1.
6. A DNA or RNA molecule comprising an expression system, wherein said expression system is capable of producing a TR6 polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence, which has at least 80% identity with the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:2 when said expression system is present in a compatible host cell.
7. A host cell comprising the expression system of claim 6.
8. A process for producing a TR6 polypeptide comprising culturing a host of claim 7 under conditions sufficient for the production of said polypeptide and recovering the polypeptide from the culture.

9. A process for producing a cell which produces a TR6 polypeptide thereof comprising transforming or transfecting a host cell with the expression system of claim 6 such that the host cell, under appropriate culture conditions, produces a TR6 polypeptide.

5 10. A TR6 polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence which is at least 80% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 over its entire length.

11. The polypeptide of claim 10 which comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2.

10 12. An antibody immunospecific for the TR6 polypeptide of claim 10.

13. A method for the treatment of a subject in need of enhanced activity or expression of TR6 polypeptide of claim 10 comprising:

15 (a) administering to the subject a therapeutically effective amount of an agonist to said receptor; and/or

(b) providing to the subject an isolated polynucleotide comprising a nucleotide sequence that has at least 80% identity to a nucleotide sequence encoding the TR6 polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:2 over its entire length; or a nucleotide sequence complementary to said nucleotide sequence in a form so as to effect production of said polypeptide activity *in vivo*.

20 14. A method for the treatment of a subject having need to inhibit activity or expression of TR6 polypeptide of claim 10 comprising:

(a) administering to the subject a therapeutically effective amount of an antagonist to said receptor; and/or

25 (b) administering to the subject a nucleic acid molecule that inhibits the expression of the nucleotide sequence encoding said receptor; and/or

(c) administering to the subject a therapeutically effective amount of a polypeptide that competes with said receptor for its ligand.

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15. A process for diagnosing a disease or a susceptibility to a disease in a subject related to expression or activity of TR6 polypeptide of claim 10 in a subject comprising:

- 5 (a) determining the presence or absence of a mutation in the nucleotide sequence encoding said TR6 polypeptide in the genome of said subject; and/or
- (b) analyzing for the presence or amount of the TR6 polypeptide expression in a sample derived from said subject.

10 16. A method for identifying agonists to TR6 polypeptide of claim 10 comprising:

- (a) contacting a cell which produces a TR6 polypeptide with a candidate compound; and
- (b) determining whether the candidate compound effects a signal generated by activation of the TR6 polypeptide.

15 17. An agonist identified by the method of claim 16.

18. The method for identifying antagonists to TR6 polypeptide of claim 10 comprising:

- 20 (a) contacting said a cell which produces a TR6 polypeptide with an agonist; and
- (b) determining whether the signal generated by said agonist is diminished in the presence of a candidate compound.

25 19. An antagonist identified by the method of claim 18.